those schools, the Member prayed that arrangements might be made through the Forest Department for the supply of such materials for those schools.

4. *Public Service.*—The members of the two communities should be more freely entertained in the Medical, Forest, Excise, Police, Public Works, and the Sanitary Departments. The Member's request was that instructions should be issued for the appointment of those among them who were literate and who had studied up to classes V, VI and VII but who were not duly qualified. The Member also prayed that, in every Hospital, a male and a female from among the depressed classes should be appointed for attending on the members of those classes.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

164. Certain suggestions for the improvement of the social condition of Parayas.

Mr. Raman Chennan (Member, Nominated) submitted that the members of his community had great objection to their being called 'Parayas'. The proper name, in his opinion, which could with dignity and self-respect be applied to his community was 'Sambavar' (സാംബവർ). Two Associations recently started in North and South Travancore had styled themselves the North Travancore and South Travancore Sambavar Associations, respectively. The Member, therefore, prayed that his community be called the 'Sambavar' community.

The Member then requested that scholarships should be granted to Paraya boys studying from class IV upwards. Three scholarships of Rs. 5 per mensem should be granted to the Paraya boys studying from the First to the Sixth Form in Government English Schools. All Paraya boys in the Kottayam, Trivandrum and Nagercoil Colleges should be given scholarships of Rs. 10 per mensem. The scholarships sanctioned to be given to one P. K. Raman, a Paraya boy, was not paid to him. Arrangements should therefore be made to disburse the amount as early as possible. In regard to the entertainment of Parayas in the public service, the Member prayed that orders should be issued to appoint at least two qualified Parayas in the Revenue, Judicial, Anchal, Police and Excise Departments.

The Member next requested that model colonies for the habitation of Parayas should be established in convenient places and that an Industrial school should be also opened in each division.

He then referred to the immense difficulty experienced by the Parayas in South Travancore in getting convenient dwelling-sites and said that they were now living in small huts constructed on the banks of tanks and channels which was greatly injurious to their health. They were also put to the necessity of using the water in the tanks for drinking purposes. The Member requested that a few village roads and wells should be constructed for their exclusive use. A road from Kakattusseri to Suchindram should be constructed at an early date for the use of the Parayas in the Agastees waram taluk. The registered areas near the model colonies should be acquired on payment of compensation and handed over to the Parayas and the compensation amount should be realised from them in instalments.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

165. Grievances of the Tamilians in the State with regard to public service.

Mr. S. Kulathuran B. A. & B. L. (Member, Nominated) said that the Tamilians who formed the majority of the population in South Travancore and were distributed in varying proportions in Central and North Travancore were in point of education very backward. The number of Tamilians in the State service was very limited, though qualified men among them were not wanting. Their community did not receive sufficient encouragement so far as the public service was concerned, though, as an educationally backward community, they deserved special consideration and concessions at the hands of Government. He pointed out that, if some encouragement be shown to the few qualified and deserving Tamilians who were

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in service, it would be a strong impetus to the young men and also induce the uneducated parents to send their boys and girls to schools and Colleges. A community should not convert all its young men into farmers and traders, but it was highly necessary that each community should contribute its share of young men to the learned professions as well. He, therefore, requested that Tamilians be more freely appointed in the public service and that those who were in service be encouraged by giving them all legitimate promotions at least.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

166. Needs of the Eraniel taluk.

Mr. V. Velayudhaperumal Pillai (Member, Eraniel taluk) said that about 75 per cent. of the cases on the file of the Munsiff's courts at Thuckalai were from the Eraniel taluk and that the *pakuthies* of Colachel, Midalam, Killiyoor and Manavalakurichi in the Eraniel taluk, which were under the territorial jurisdiction of the above courts, were far away from Thuckalai where the courts were located. He, therefore, requested that the Additional Munsiff's Court at Thuckalai be shifted to Eraniel.

The Member next pointed out that the Manavalakurichi *pakuthi*, which was under the territorial jurisdiction of the Alur Sub-Registry office, was nearer to the Colachel and Eraniel Sub-registry offices than to the Alur office. He, therefore, requested that the Alur Sub-registry office should be located in a central and more convenient place, preferably in Santhanpuram.

The Member then urged the execution of the following public works as being the other needs of the taluk:—

(1) The road from the Eraniel Monday Market to Thalakulam should be extended so as to join the Eraniel-Muttam road and made cartable.

(2) The village road from the Monday Market to the Colachel-Rajakkamangalam road should be gravelled and made cartable.

(3) The bridge near the 10th mile stone on the Colachel-Rajakkamangalam road which was in a dangerous condition should be repaired.

(4) Arrangements should be made for the supply of water to the people in the Nattalam, Killiyoor, Kizhmidalam and other *pakuthies* for irrigation purposes.

(5) The lands lower down the Erattakara Channel should be properly irrigated.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

167. Needs of the Vilavancode taluk.

Mr. N. Sankaranarayana Pillai (Member, Vilavancode taluk) complained that the people of the taluk who were mainly agriculturists experienced much hardship and loss on account of the scarcity of water for irrigation purposes. The Kodayar Project was not of any real benefit to the people of the Vilavancode taluk. There was an old dam in the Kuzhithura river near 'Mannanpara' and if that be repaired and put in order, it would command a large area of paddy fields in the northern *pakuthies* of the taluk. The cost of repair could be recovered from the ryots by imposing a water-cess. If that proposal did not commend itself to Government, the numerous tanks in the taluk, which were greatly useful for irrigation purposes but were not properly cared for, should be repaired and maintained on the advice of a Committee which should be constituted for the purpose. Steps should also be taken to remove the encroachments on many tanks by the adjoining land-owners.

The Member then urged the following other needs of the taluk:—

(1) The road from the Thoduvetti market to Azhanchola, which was about 8 miles in length, should be improved.

(2) The pathway leading from the 4th mile stone of the above road to the Kalikkavila market, should be widened and improved.

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